Kings Dominion

By F. D. O'Brien

Kings Dominion is located 20 miles north of Richmond at the Intersection of I-95 and State Route 30, Doswell exit.

Kings Dominion, 50 million dollar plus operation on a 1300 acre site, is the third largest investment ever undertaken. It was built in five separate theme areas which include International St., Hanna Barbera land, Coney Island, Old Virginia and Lion Country Safari, ranking behind only Disneyland in California and Disney World in Florida. The construction began in October of 1972 and the total theme park opened May 3, 1975 with a first day attendance of over 20,000, the park capacity is about 80,000.

The total theme park was opened on weekends begining May 3, 1975 and will commence daily operation on May 24, remaining open daily through Sept. 1. The theme park will remain open on week ends from Sept. 6 through late fall. The park will be scheduled to be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The admission is $7.50 per person, with children under two admitted free. The price includes all rides, shows, and attractions. There will be an extra charge of $1.00 to ride the Monorail through Lion Country Safari, (which opened April 27, 1974). There will be special discount rates for groups.

Kings Dominion is owned and operated by Family Leisure Centers, Inc., a joint venture company established by Taft Broadcasting Co. and Top Value Enterprises, a subsidiary of the Kroger Co. There is some 300 full time employees with approximately 2,000 high school and college students employed on a seasonal basis.

The design of the theme park is designed by Kings Production, a Cincinnati based sister organization. The attendance in 1975 is estimated to be nearly 2 million people.

For all the young at heart there is Yogi Bear, Scooby Doo, Flintstones, and many, many other cartoon characters. Or take a ride on The Patrick Henry, one of two locomotives. "The Rebel Yell" the world's most unique roller coaster which is 1.36 miles long and 85 feet high at its highest point. Or see the Eiffel Tower built on a one-third scale replica of the original tower in Paris. The Tower is 331½ feet high, and towers over the International Street of the park.

There is so much to see and do at Kings Dominion, one couldn't possibly get over the entire 1300 acres in one day. You'll want to go to Kings Dominion again and again.

"I HEAR YOU'RE STILL SMOKING"
"RAAACK"
"HACCKK"

Virginia Economy Much Improved According to VEC's April Indicators

RICHMOND - Economic conditions were "much improved" in Virginia in April as 14 of the 18 indicators used to measure the state's economy showed improvement over March, according to J. Gordon Gifford, editor of the Virginia Employment Commission's Economic Indicators magazine. In March, six indicators rose, 11 declined and one was unchanged.

Five of the six leading indicators - those which show economic changes earliest - improved in April over March. They included: the average workweek for manufacturing production workers, up to 38.6 hours from 37.9 hours in March; and nonfarm job placements, which rose by 27.7 per cent as the VEC found some 6,000 jobs for people. Also showing improvement were the total hiring rate, which rose to 41 per 1,000 employees from 29 per 1,000 in March, and average weekly initial claims for unemployment compensation, which declined to 5,617, down 17.7 per cent from the March average of 6,824.

Activitiy among indicators which reflect the current state of the economy suggests "that the recession is not quite ended. However there were signs of a bottoming out," Gifford said. Among these indicators in the total unemployment rate which edged up to an adjusted 7 per cent from 6.9 per cent in March.

Job openings received by the VEC were up by 17.5 per cent, and new business incorporations rose by 27.8 per cent. Average weekly earnings of manufacturing production workers rose to $152.35, up from $150.98 in March. The valuation of building permits issued jumped by 229.6 per cent. Most of the increase, however, Gifford explained, was in the Norfolk - Portsmouth area.

Over-the-year comparisons were slightly better in April than in March. Six of the indicators were above their year-ago levels in April; only four were up in March.

ASCS Outlines 1975 Conservation

Appomattox county farmers who plan to start conservation practices under the Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) are urged, as the first step, to discuss their farm's needs with the county office of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS), James R. Ford, Jr., Chairman of Appomattox County ASC Committee announced.

"There are some differences ACP and the 1974 conservation program and when a farmer has determined the conservation needs on his farm he should contact our office," Mr. Ford said. "Important objectives of the program this year are: first, that the needed conservation must be beyond that which the farmer would accomplish with out cost-share assistance; and second, the practice must provide enduring benefits," he explained.

Mr. Ford noted that between June 2 and June 18 is the period for county farmers to come to the ASCS office to file a request for participation in the program.

The work of developing ACP practices is under authority of the farmer elected county ASC committee. The county program development group is consulted, and the selected practices are then subject to approval by the state ASC committee and the state program development group.

Children line up for a daily meal at a "gruel kitchen" in Bangladesh. UNICEF--the United Nations Children's Fund --is sharing in the international effort to provide food and shelter for millions of refugees from floods which have devastated much of this struggling new country.
(UNICEF Photo by Matheson)

The film, "So Long, Joey!" will be shown Sunday evening, June 22, at Liberty Baptist Church at 7:30 p.m. "So Long, Joey!" is the true life story of Dave Boyer who adopted the stage name of Joey Stevens in order to pursue a career in the entertainment world. He left - changed his name to Joey Stevens, made it big at the 500 Club in Atlantic City, drank heavily, started popping pills, separated from his wife and little girl, and was ready to commit suicide. Then August 29, 1966, life's greatest event took place. He accepted a new life - Christ came! Calvary covered it all. His morals were cleansed, the bottles broken, the pills gone, his talent rescued singing for Jesus, his marriage was put back together. SO LONG, JOEY!

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AREA STUDENTS RECEIVE DEGREES FROM TECH

Blacksburg - Virginia Tech awarded more than 4,100 degrees at its 103rd commencement here on Saturday, June 7.

The University conferred 3,040 bachelor's and 940 master's degrees, along with 170 doctorates.

Former Senator Sam J. Ervin (D-NC) delivered the commencement address.

Area students receiving the bachelor of science degree unless otherwise noted were: Deborah K. Colem... ment; Margie ... management; ... family develop... Poe, forestry and ... W. Thomas, agri... tion; Donna ... bachelor of arts, ... sciences; and John ... health, physical ... recreation.

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Capitol Comments

By Dan Daniel Fifth District, Virginia

WASHINGTON - During this week, our nation observes Memorial Day. This is a day set aside to call to remembrance all those brave Americans who have died in military service to their country.

Unlike Veterans Day, which honors all of those who served, Memorial Day is a time for reflection on the ones who made the supreme sacrifice.

Beneath stark white crosses on every continent on the earth they lie. I have stood among the seemingly endless rows of these crosses, standing like small soldiers themselves. You cannot do this without being deeply moved. You cannot do it without contemplating the sacrifices which were interred when a young life was cut short.

How many were fathers, whose waking hours were likely consumed with plans and dreams and hopes for the afterward? How many young sons lie there - sons whose mothers and fathers had dreams of their own for the future? And for all of them, the future was not to be.

This nation calls forth its youth in times of peril. And our youth generally responds to the call with the same devotion and the same sense of challenge which called them to the frontiers and to other dangers.

No one wants to go to war. But they go because they must. And some never return.

What then shall we say to those who are left behind by those who go forth to offer the ultimate gift - their lives - in their country's service? How do you express thanks for the freedom to watch your children and your grandchildren at play? What are the words of gratitude for the privilege of seeing the daylight dawn and the sun set in your own land - a free man or woman? How can you express appreciation for the many things we take so often for granted - our rights, our freedoms, our pleasures?

And yes, even our sorrows and sadnesses. For because these men gave their all, we have had purchased for those who lived the privileges that go with these things, too.

We owe the dead of our wars a debt that we can neither express nor repay. By observance of Memorial Day we do, in some small way, acknowledge this debt. And when it is in his or her own way, as we acknowledge it, can offer a heartfelt prayer that such sacrifice may never again be required.

And we can do something more.

Recently, I came across a verse by Sir William Watson, a poet not long gone. The poem was written "To a Friend", and of memories he said:

"I count him wise
"Who loves so well Man's noble memories
"He needs more love Man's nobler hopes yet more."

So in the recognition of the noble memories of those who have sacrificed so much, we can look to and nurture Man's nobler hopes and dreams.

OT DAVIDSON AND MRS. MARY CATHERINE
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CONGRESSMAN DAN DANIEL was recently photographed with Allison Brannan, when the four-year-old Texan was in Washington, D.C. on behalf of the Cystic Fybrosis Foundation. This charming young lady is the Foundation's 1975 Poster Child.

Energy Saving Tips For The Week

1. During holidays or other extended absences from home, empty the refrigerator, disconnect it from the power outlet, clean thoroughly, and leave the door ajar.

2. Keep all cutting edges sharp. A sharp bit or saw cuts more quickly and therefore uses less power. Oil on bits and metal cutting compounds on saws also reduce power required.

3. If you are designing a house, limit window areas to 10 per cent of the floor area. In cool climates install fewer windows in the north wall where no solar heating gain can be achieved in winter. In warm climates put the largest number of windows in the north wall to reduce the heating gain from the sun.

4. Purchase for your car only the optional equipment and accessories you really need. Items like air-conditioning, automatic transmission, and power steering require considerable energy and all this energy is derived from the gasoline. Other equipment, such as power brakes and electric motor-driven windows, seats and radio antennas, requires less energy for operation; however, all accessories add to the vehicle weight, and this reduces fuel economy.

5. Run air-conditioners only when absolutely necessary. On hot days set the fan speed at high. In very humid weather set the fan at low speed to provide less cooling but more moisture removal.

6. Check tire pressure on your car frequently. Underinflated tires increase rolling resistance and cut fuel economy. But don't over inflate by more than two or three pounds. This could cause rapid wear and cut tire contact with the road, causing a safety hazard. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations.

7. Overdrying garments makes them feel harsh and wastes energy. A little experimentation is needed to find the correct setting for fluff dried clothes. Some natural materials such as cotton and wool should retain some moisture to avoid wrinkling.

NEW HIGHWAY SAFETY LAWS IN EFFECT

RICHMOND - A number of new highway safety laws passed by the 1975 General Assembly became effective June 1.

John T. Hanna, director, Highway Safety Division of Virginia said major highway safety legislation of statewide interest included:

The legal definition of bicycles now includes those with "helper" motors rated less than one brake horsepower, which produce only ordinary pedaling speeds up to a maximum of 20 miles per hour, provided such bicycles so equipped shall not be operated upon any highway or public vehicular area in Virginia by any person under the age of 16 years.

• Dependent children, at least 16 years old, of military personnel can operate a motor vehicle in Virginia using their home state operator license.

• It is unlawful to sell any device or mechanism in Virginia which would detect radar on the highways.

• The Department of Highways and Transportation has statutory authority to designate specific traffic lanes for use by traffic moving in a particular direction regardless of the roadway's center. Motorists are required to obey these signs.

Other legislation affecting highway safety which went into effect before June 1 included: The Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program (VASAP), which became an official section of the Highway Safety Division on March 24, allows judges to refer drunk driving defendants, by request, to an alcohol rehabilitation program. When the program is completed, the judge may accept satisfactory completion in lieu of a conviction.

A report of the results of a study of right-turn-on-red intersections in Virginia, jointly conducted by the Department of Highways and Transportation and the Highway Safety Division, is due to the General Assembly and the Governor by Oct. 1, 1975.

ACTION SET ON PRIORITIES FOR SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS

The State Water Control Board is planning final action during its June 9-10 meeting on priorities for $211 million of federal funds to design and construct sewage treatment works in 154 Virginia areas.

The board will also consider reserving over $400 million for cost overruns out of $557 million of grant funds allocated by the Environmental Protection Agency for fiscal year 1976.

A list of priorities was presented by the SWCB staff March 25, and public hearings took palce in Richmond and Norfolk earlier this month. The water control agency is using the public comments in its revised recommendations to the board.

Staring its two-day session, the policy-making panel will hold its second "citizens' hour" soon after it convenes at 9:00 a.m. June 9 in Richmond's Colony House Executive Motor Inn at 5215 West Board Street. The period will give the public an opportunity to express views on water-related matters. Speakers will have up to 10 minutes each, following a staff report by SWCB Executive Secretary Eugene T. Jensen.

Jensen said anyone wanting to speak should notify the board in advance, preferably by mail, to be included on the agenda. He advised addressing letters to Raymond E. Bowles, director of the SWCB's bureau of enforcement which makes arrangements for the meetings. The address is P. O. Box 11143, Richmond, Va. 23230.

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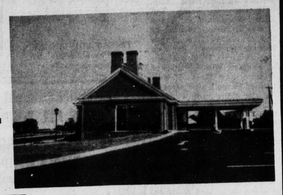

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